

Remarks


Claim 55 has been amended; claim 59 has been cancelled and claims 71-74 have been added; leaving claims 55 and 70-74 pending in the application. Previously pending claims 55 and 70 stood rejected as either anticipated or obvious in view of cited prior art. Previously pending claim 59 had been objected to because it depended from a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The specification has been amended for clerical reasons, no new matter has been added through this amendment.

Claim 55 has been amended to include all the limitations of previously pending claim 59. New claims 71-74 recite limitations, as indicated by the reasons for allowance provided by the Examiner, that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited references. For at least these reasons, claims 55 and 70-74 are in condition for allowance and Applicant requests allowance of claims 55 and 70-74 in the Examiner's next action. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (509) 624-4276 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (PST).

Respectfully submitted,

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